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TRANSPLANT HOUSE
A HOME THAT HELPS
AND HEALS

May 9, 2008

Marlene H. Dorch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No.04-233

Dear Ms. Dorch:

Gift of Life Transplant House is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, serving solid organ and blood and marrow patients from infants to adults treated at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Our mission at Gift of Life is to provide these patients and their caregivers with high-quality, affordable accommodations in a supportive, home-like environment.

As a small, independent, non-profit organization in Rochester, MN we have come to rely on the close relationships we have cultivated with the local television stations, specifically KTTC, over the past 25 years. Generously, KTTC airs the details regarding our fundraisers and special events. Also, KTTC often sponsors our annual golf tournament which raises funds allowing Gift of Life to continue our mission. Without this partnership, Gift of Life could not host the tournament, our primary fundraiser, thus causing difficulty in raising the funds necessary to run our facility, which helps over 1000 transplant patients each year.

The local stations including KTTC have a special connection with our community, thus they are diligent in their commitment to local businesses, organizations, and clubs. I fear that new rules on local programming threaten to insert a bureaucratic framework that will disturb a successful locally-developed process.

The local stations, including KTTC have always served our organization and the Rochester Community. I hope you will allow them to continue to do so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Stegall
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Gift of Life Transplant House